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DEPT PASS OPIC; OPIC FOR AMBASSADOR SMITH AND
HENDERSON FROM TREADWELL

E.O. 11652: NA
SUBJECT: OPIC TRIP REPORT: TUNISIA

1. OPIC OFFICER TREADWELL FILED THE FOLLOWING REPORT PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE ON MARCH 19.
2. "COMPLETED FULL SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS PAST WEEK, INCLUDING EMBASSY, API, U.S. BANKERS, BDET, U.S. INVESTORS, JEUNE CHAMBRE ECONOMIQUE, AND LOCAL BUSINESSMEN DESIRING U.S. PARTNERS. CONCLUSION IS THAT INVESTMENT CLIMATE REMAINS STABLE AND ATTRACTIVE DESPITE RECENT DISTURBANCES. SEVERAL LEADS ON INTERESTED U.S. INVESTORS WILL BE FOLLOWED UP BY TREADWELL UPON HIS RETURN.
3. DISCUSSIONS WITH API CENTERED AROUND NEW API OFFICE IN NEW YORK CITY, OPENING UP BETWEEN JULY 1 AND SEPT. 1, 1978. OFFICE WILL BE STAFFED BY KRICHENE AND ONE OTHER ENGLISH-SPEAKING TUNISIAN PROMOTION OFFICER. CHELLI HAS GIVEN GREEN LIGHT ON THIS DEVELOPMENT. OVERALL API ACTIVITIES IN USA WILL BE STEPPED UP SUBSTANTIALLY THIS YEAR. ALSO HAVE DISCUSSED

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UPDATING TOPICS SUPPLEMENT ON TUNISIA.

4. FOR AMBASSADOR SMITH: WHILE EMBASSY WOULD ENJOY COURTESY CALL WHILE ENROUTE TO OR FROM TANGIERS CONFERENCE, THERE IS NO PRESSING NEED FOR EXTENDED VISIT FOR ANY OFFICIAL PURPOSE.

5. FOR HENDERSON: REQUEST PAPERWORK FOR TRAVEL TO CLEVELAND, OHIO ON MARCH 30TH TO ATTEND SMALL BUSINESS CONFERENCE BE COMMENCED IN MY ABSENCE. WILL NEED TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION, GTR AND ADVANCE. PLEASE ASK MRS. EARLY TO MAKE RESERVATION CLEVELAND FOR NIGHT OF MARCH 29TH AT BOND COURT HOTEL. ALSO, REQUEST RESERVATION FOR DIRECT FLIGHT FROM WASHINGTON NATIONAL TO CLEVELAND EARLY EVENING 29TH AND RETURN EARLY EVENING 30TH."
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